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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, please enter this Amendment and reconsider this application.

- (1) Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; and
- (2) Remarks begin on page 4.